

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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August 18, 2020

Mr. Robert J. Sprowls  
Bear Valley Electric Services Inc.  
630 E. Foothill Blvd.  
San Dimas, CA 91773

## REQUEST FOR INITIAL SAFETY CERTIFICATION

Dear Mr. Sprowls,

Under Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code § 8389, the Executive Director of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has the discretion to issue an Initial Safety Certification to Electric Corporations that meet specific criteria.

Bear Valley Electric Service obtained an Initial Safety Certification under its parent company, Golden State Water Company, on February 4, 2020. That Safety Certification represented the Executive Director's certification that Bear Valley Electric Service met all the relevant requirements of Pub. Util. § 8389 regarding an initial Safety Certification.

The Commission approved a change in Bear Valley Electric Service's ownership structure on December 30, 2019 in Decision 19-12-039. On June 5, 2020, the new entity that resulted from Decision 19-12-039, Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. (BVES Inc.), submitted an Application for an Initial Safety Certification as the new entity. This letter represents the Executive Director's certification that the new entity, BVES Inc., continues to meet all the relevant requirements of Pub. Util. Code § 8389. Therefore, the existing Safety Certification noted above is hereby transferred to BVES Inc. and will continue in force until it expires on February 4, 2021 or the Commission takes other action as noted below.

As you are aware, on May 22, 2020, BVES Inc. submitted an errata to its 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP), upon which the Wildfire Safety Division (WSD) has not yet acted. On July 22, 2020, however, WSD issued a draft Action Statement and Resolution denying the 2020 WMP and directing the filing of a new WMP. The Commission expects BVES Inc. to expeditiously revise its 2020 WMP as directed by WSD. Failure to receive approval of the new 2020 WMP may jeopardize BVES Inc.'s Safety Certification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Cook".

for Alice Stebbins  
Executive Director

cc: Caroline Thomas Jacobs, Director  
Wildfire Safety Division